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## Slogan Postal CANCELLATIONS

by J. F. McGee

This is an article on those publicity themes that collectors have grouped together under the name of slogan cancellations. Of course I am referring to those announcements and appeals that form a part of a postal cancellation, such as, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires".

I collect only those of the Omaha post office and they must be legible and on a No. 6 envelope. So I have no idea of how many of these that have appeared since the first one was introduced. They probably number over a thousand different kinds as in the 1920's any city having a convention, fair, exposition or civic celebration could obtain an advance publicity of it in a local postal cancellation.

### Suggestions

To entreat the public to prevent forest fires and to shop early for Christmas is not entirely wasted. But more important slogan cancellations would be ones that urged the public to observe traffic safety. In fact I have never seen a postal cancellation that stressed safe driving; and the number of persons killed and injured, together with the property loss by auto accidents every twenty-four hours in this supposedly civilized country is simply appalling.

A dozen eye-catching slogans for cancellations could easily be devised. Here are three different ones that readily came to me. For instance, "MOST SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENTS RESULT FROM SPEEDING", and "DRIVE WITH CARE AND COURTESY". I prefer this third one that is illustrated because it has a pictorial subject. It's a warning hand with the three line, three word slogan, WATCH/TRAFFIC/SAFETY.

### WATCH TRAFFIC SAFETY

The warning hand is not original with me. It was copied from the subject of an Argentina stamp, issued J. 22, 1948, to publicize "TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY". The pictorial theme might seem to be crude. It is not, in fact, as it represents a sign in the shape of a warning hand that is placed at dangerous street intersections and at dangerous curves on highways down there as a warning to motorists to slow down.

### Should Not Serve As Cancellations

If the Post Office Department really desires these publicity themes to be readable and thus headed, it should follow the example set by the postal meter companies and place the subject to the left of the town postmark and not on the stamp. In this position it would not need to be boxed and pictorial objects could be used in connection to attract attention.

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potato bugs from planes to destroy the potato crop, and depicts several potato bugs.

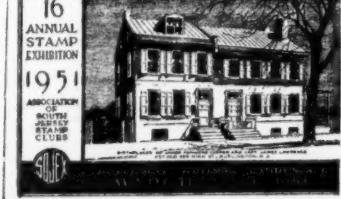
Unintentionally, the eggs of the American potato bugs were exported to Europe. They just happened to cling to the potatoes that were a part of the billions of dollars worth of relief food sent over there after World War I and II, that saved half of the people of Europe and Russia from dying of starvation.

### Homes With History On SOJEX Cachet

"Don't give up the ship."

The birthplace of the famous American naval commander who uttered that phrase as his dying command, will be reproduced on the seal and cachet for the sixteenth annual stamp exhibition sponsored by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs.

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By an unusual quirk of fate, another noted American, James Fenimore Cooper, was born at No. 457 in the attached house to the Captain Lawrence residence in 1789, eight years after the future heroic commander was born in Burlington, N. J. at 459 High street.

The seals and cachets can be obtained from Mrs. Gladys Testerman, 217 Rhodes Avenue, Haddonfield, N. J., at the following prices: Seals, 10 cents for the first and 5 cents for each additional seal, postpaid. Cachets printed on specially furnished envelopes, addressed and franked with a commemorative stamp, and mailed from the exhibition floor, 15 cents.

SOJEX, 1951, presented March 2, 3 and 4 in Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J., will feature 350 frames of stamps, including 50 entered by the Philadelphia Chapter of the France and Colonies group. The American Topical Association will display another 50 frames covering every subject.

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### Sample Copies Of Club Paper Offered

Topical Philatelists, the national organization of collectors of topical or subject matter stamps, have made available to readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sample copies of "The Topicalist", official monthly publication. A copy will be mailed free of charge to interested collectors. Send 3c stamp to Philip Silver, Secretary, 1567 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn 13, New York.

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The France and Colonies Group will donate three trophies and two medals for winners in its category. Exhibits also are eligible for the grand award of the show.

The official prospectus and entry blanks for this year's exhibition can be obtained from Joseph Cook, entries chairman, 36 Walnut St., Haddonfield, N. J.

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**UNION SOUTH AFRICA.** After over 20 years the Union of South Africa is planning new designs for a definite series and according to reports, they will all be issued with both languages on each stamp, so that it will not be necessary to collect them in pairs.

The entire series will not be issued at one time and most of them will be bicolored. The first to be released will probably be the 4½ pence.

It is also reported that Paul Kruger is to be honored by a special set of stamps now being prepared.

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A large London dealer is offering these used copies at 25 Pounds each and blocks at 100 Pounds.

**TONGA.** The promised set to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship with Great Britain has not as yet appeared. The actual date of the signing of this treaty was May 18, 1900, so that the 50th anniversary was May 18, 1950.

**ST. HELENA.** Check your copy of Scotts #81, the 1½ pence rose red, priced at 30c. Stanley Gibbons lists three colors as fol-

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 Rose red—1/9  
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**BERMUDA.** Scotts #124, the 2/6 red and black on blue paper is priced at 70c. Gibbons lists two varieties—black and red on gray blue paper at 17/6 and black and red on pale blue paper at 5/-

**CYPRUS.** The 18pi #152 is listed by Scott as olive green and black at 55c. Gibbons lists a black and sage green at 6/- and black and olive green at 10/-

The 1 pi orange #146 is priced by Scott at 4c perforated 12½.

If perforated 13½ x 12½ the price in Gibbons is 8 Pounds. If perforated 12½ the price is 3 pence.

The 2 pi carmine and black #147B is listed by Scott at 7c perforated 12½. If perforated 12½ x 13½, the price in Gibbons is 3 shilling and with perforation 12½ is priced at 4 pence.

**PERFORATIONS.** Recent printings of colonial stamps show many changes in perforation.

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tions some of which may eventually be good. Among these are Bermuda 2½ and 12/6 which are now 13½ x 13, Brunei 2c, 5c and 10c which are now 14½ x 13½ and Brunei 50c now perforated 13.

Queen Wilhelmina is seen on a number of stamps of Curacao.

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9	3.00	7E	.80
10	.08	7I	3.50
10a	.45	7J	3.25
11	.25	8	2.95
12	1.20	13	1.10
12a	1.95	19	.80
14	.80	24	2.00
15	2.50	25	4.50
16	2.75	29	1.90
17	.20	31	2.90
18	1.60	3	1.20
19	1.80	8	.45
20	9.00	7	12.00

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15	3.95	392	.54	R81C	.65	RE170c	3.75	283	2.70	10	2.20	388
30A	4.20	398	.46	R82C	1.18	RE175c	3.25	283A	2.70	11	7.65	392
35	1.35	400A	.46	R83C	.65	PLAY. CARDS	2.82B	20	.56	14	7.10	399
36	2.40	401	.37	R84C	.85	RF9	UP	284	2.70	12	3.10	403
38	1.65	403	.59	R86C	.85	Black	2.20	285	1.10	13A	6.85	403
63	.95	419	.78	R97E	10.95	Violet	4.50	287	1.10	13B	6.85	419
63A	1.75	421	.69	R134	1.05	Carmine	2.20	288	1.10	13C	1.30	R11B
63B	1.10	422	.65	R179	4.10	RF9	Down	289	1.10	13D	1.30	R11B
64	8.95	435A	.44	R262	.50	Black	2.60	290	1.10	13E	1.30	R12B
64A	.30	440	.48	R263	.98	Violet	2.20	291	1.10	13F	1.30	R12C
67	7.95	442	.45	C-CUT CANC.	.98	Carmine	2.60	292	1.10	13G	1.30	R12D
68	.45	447	.45	P—PIN INIT.	.98	RF13	4.95	293	1.10	13H	1.30	R13B
68A	1.10	468	.29	R370	.65	RF15X	1.25	302	1.10	13I	1.30	R13C
68X	1.85	470	.33	R381C	.50	RF18	4.75	303	1.10	13J	1.30	R13D
69	1.20	476	.69	R383P	.55	RF18A	3.75	304	1.10	13K	1.30	R13E
70	2.80	478	.49	RE88A	.29	RF21	1.30	306	1.10	13L	1.30	R13F
70B	4.95	532A	1.75	RE13A	.68	UNUSED	.50	308	1.10	13M	1.30	R13G
71	1.45	541	.69	RE16A	3.95	10	4.90	309	2.20	13N	1.30	R13H
72	4.95	545	3.95	RE17A	1.25	24	1.10	310	2.20	13O	1.30	R13I
73	.48	550	.79	REB3	1.45	35	2.90	312	2.15	13P	1.30	R13J
75	3.95	572	.40	REB7	.72	36	5.95	313	.65	13Q	1.30	R13K
76	1.05	578	.19	RE15B	.34	64A	2.20	314	1.70	13R	1.30	R13L
77	1.49	611	.45	RE17B	1.15	65	.75	315	.75	13S	1.30	R13M
78	1.25	AIR MAILED	.80	RE18B	.90	245	.48	316	1.15	13T	1.30	R13N
89	1.85	C2	1.75	RE12C	4.20	71	.75	317	1.90	13U	1.30	R13O
91	4.25	SPEC. DEL.	2.60	RE13C	2.60	73	.95					

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## Flowers On Stamps

Our previous mention of stamps with flowers pictured on them  
brought so many requests from ladies who wanted to know where  
such stamps could be obtained that we asked dealers who could  
supply such stamps to advise us and stated that we would print

their address in this column. Well, we  
now have heard from several dealers,  
some of whom are specialists in Topical  
stamps, others are apparently very small  
operators and some are among the larger  
and more thorough dealers who have ad-  
vertised with us regularly.

Naturally in an instance such as this  
we can not make any specific recommendations,  
but suggest that you who want  
flower stamps contact any of the dealers  
whose names are listed and make your  
purchases from them. We believe if you  
are just starting a collection of Flowers  
on stamps that you might best ask the  
dealers to send you an approval selection  
of such stamps and in that manner you  
can select those you want and make payment  
for same. Our observation thus far  
has been that most of the stamps with  
flowers on them are fairly moderate in  
price so that a really good collection of  
them can be made for a sum not to exceed  
ten dollars. If you get that far along, you

will then be able to keep  
abreast of new issues without much extra  
cost.

The following dealers claim to be able to supply a number of  
stamps with flowers. Warren W. King, 2321 Parnell Ave., Los  
Angeles 64, Calif. Mr. King specializes in all Topical subjects. The  
House of Philately, Box 133, New York 24, N. Y. These people have  
advertised with us for some months and we can recommend them  
as a good contact for such stamps. Also Terry W. Tarkington, Malden,  
W. Va. This party has a two inch advt. offering Flower stamps  
in this issue. Ben McCurry Jr., 105 Corcoran Ave., Clemson, S. Car.,  
sends a list of flower stamps he can supply. Frank Herget, Ken-  
sington Station, Buffalo, N. Y. a regular advertiser with us, sends  
a list of stamps he can supply. Others sending lists are Ernest Ellis,  
1885 Second Ave., New York 28, N. Y.; Southern Stamp Exchange,  
R. R. No. 1, Hyde Park, Ont., Canada; Marvin Sylvor, 1115 Jerome  
Ave., New York, N. Y.; W. Gloyenstein, 1808D, Apt. 4, Buffalo Road,  
Erie, Pa.; Harry Rickard, 60 W. Arbor St., Long Beach 5, Calif.

Up to the time this copy was prepared the above are those who  
have replied to our request for names of dealers who can and will  
supply flower stamps. Several of the above are specialists in Topical  
stamps and can supply many other topics as well as flowers.

## Where Stamp Collectors Live

Believing that our advertising patrons might be interested in a  
Breakdown as to our circulation, we made a review of the same early  
in December and found out just how many copies go to each state  
in the Union and how many copies go to several of the leading cities.

Following is the list by states:

Alabama	115	Louisiana	206	N. Dakota	91
Arizona	99	Maine	203	Ohio	3205
Arkansas	108	Maryland	450	Oklahoma	193
California	1975	Mass.	1311	Oregon	139
Colorado	197	Michigan	1487	Pennsylvania	2346
Connecticut	618	Minnesota	598	Rhode Island	83
Delaware	67	Mississippi	51	So. Carolina	81
Dis. of Col.	189	Missouri	585	So. Dakota	81
Florida	496	Montana	89	Tennessee	225
Georgia	151	Nebraska	380	Texas	705
Idaho	44	Nevada	32	Utah	56
Illinois	2405	New Hampshire	173	Vermont	114
Indiana	777	New Jersey	1401	Washington	244
Iowa	522	New Mexico	79	West Virginia	208
Kansas	363	New York	5084	Wisconsin	1053
Kentucky	255	N. Carolina	256	Wyoming	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,026</b>				

In checking the cities we are listing every city where the number of subscribers is over 200. This list contains eighteen cities and we give them in order:

New York	1376	Milwaukee	299	Dayton	230
Chicago	1218	Los Angeles	298	St. Louis	228
Brooklyn	738	Buffalo	271	San Francisco	218
Detroit	544	Columbus	257	Rochester	217
Philadelphia	452	Pittsburgh	252	Cincinnati	206
Cleveland	349	Minneapolis	230	Baltimore	205

In addition to the 30,026 listed under states, we also send outside the United States a total of 625 copies. These do not include APO's which go out through New York or San Francisco. That makes a grand total on December 4, the date this survey was made, of 30,651 copies. Since that date we have made a substantial increase and our print order for last week was just under 32,000 copies.

Thus with the above figures our advertising patrons can see where the paper is circulating and the figures should also be of interest to readers and especially those who are interested in local stamp clubs. We have more circulation in any of the cities than there are members in any city stamp club. This shows that there is room for some activity on the part of the clubs.

The figures for cities above show only 1376 in New York against 1218 in Chicago. The figure for Brooklyn 738 should properly be a part of New York and we might add that New York figures are for the five Boroughs. We have additional circulation in the Greater New York area equal perhaps to the total figure shown for New York, thus perhaps around 2500 to 3000 within Greater New York area. This makes a substantial number for New York dealers to reach direct through announcements in our columns.

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## New M.O. System Begins On July 1

Additional information about the discontinuance of Postal Note Stamps a news item about which appeared in the December 25 edition of this paper has been supplied by Percy C. Davenport, Bloomfield, N. J.

Mr. Davenport expresses the opinion that not only will the postal note stamps go out of existence on June 30 this year, but the notes themselves will be discontinued in their present form. He cites the Post Office Department's current plans on the matter from a recent official bulletin. It reads:

"A plan to modernize and streamline the postal money order system in line with the latest mechanical business techniques was announced (October 2, 1950) by Postmaster General Donaldson. The new system will become effective July 1, 1951.

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"They will not be drawn on any particular office but may be cashed at any post office within one year and will be cleared through the Federal Reserve System and channeled for accounting purposes to twelve regional postal areas which will conform generally with the Federal Reserve Districts."

A number of the employees in the Money Order and Postal Note sections of local post offices have received a copy of a booklet entitled, "Punch Card Money Order System". It explains the system to go into effect at the mid-year and makes it possible for them to learn about it prior to its becoming effective.

## Stamps, Coins Now At Department Store

One of the largest and most attractive stamp advertisements to appear in the daily press in quite some time was to be seen in the November 26 Chicago Tribune. It heralded the opening of the new stamp and coin department recently established at Marshall Field & Co. world famous department store of that city.

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In 1901, Mekeel's publication office was moved to New York City; in 1904, to Boston; and in 1915, Mekeel's was moved to Portland, Maine, where it has since been published.

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## Expert Committee Will Meet February 5

Material to be considered at the next meeting of the expert committee of the Philatelic Foundation, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16 must be in their hands at that address by January 26. It will be examined at the February 5 session of the group.

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## PHILATELY IN FORMOSA

by Rodney Gilbert

Staff Writer — New York Herald Tribune

The government of Free China on Formosa has issued a new set of stamps. The change is not likely to make an esthetic appeal to those persons who get mail from the "Isle Beautiful." Until recently the most familiar Taiwan stamp was a very pleasing picture of a pair of white cranes in flight over a globe floating in clouds. Maybe it was meaningless to others; but to those who have been there it was a reminder of a pleasant feature of the Formosan landscape. The little white cranes are omnipresent in the lowlands because they make their living in the rice fields, which no one seems to begrudge them. Then one cannot look long at the sky without seeing low flights of them in V-formation. They are affectionately known to foreign residents as "Susies," because that is a fairly close approximation of their Chinese name.

Well, the Susies are no longer stirring nostalgic thoughts of Formosa among former visitors abroad; for their place has been taken on the stamps of all denominations that come my way by an old-fashioned Chinese mandarin, with his identification in such microscopic Chinese type underneath (and then giving a name unfamiliar in the Occident), that he is unlikely to mean anything to Formosa's foreign friends. But he will mean a lot to more than six million native Taiwanese, for this is an alleged likeness of their national hero and of a swashbuckler who was once very unfavorably known to all European adventurers in Far Eastern waters. Formosa crops up in the news every other day, and may be of still greater interest anon; so the significance of this appeal to his memory on a stamp may be worthy of understanding. And it is highly significant at this juncture, because this worthy fought the Manchu invasion of China from the north, in defense of the Ming dynasty. He retreated to Formosa to lick his wounds and make a fresh start. If he is looking down on the present scene, he must naturally be a patron of resistance to the current conquest of China from the north by a new wave of alien invaders. That is what he means on the stamp.

But who is he? To the Portuguese he was known as Koxinga, and that name stays with him in most Occidental histories of China and of early traffic with the East. Koxinga is not a name but a title, now all but forgotten in China. The Chinese equivalent of Kuo Hsing Yeh (the Portuguese X being sh, as in Xanadu or Shang Tu), which literally means National Surname Grandfather. This in turn means, I believe, that the Emperor had bestowed upon him the right to use his family name—a great distinction, but not a very rare one. To the Portuguese and then to the Dutch he was known as a hardy and ruthless pirate, very much in the way of trade with the Far East. To the Dutch he was later known as the savage outlaw who broke up their colony on Formosa and drove them out forever. To the Taiwan people he is most favorably known for this feat. His name was Cheng Ch'eng-kung, and that is what appears on the stamp.

Koxinga had a father who did not turn out to be a credit to him. Cheng Chih-lung, the father, was a native of the small city of Nanan in Fukien province, across the channel from Formosa. As a young man he went to Japan on a trading venture and stayed long enough to acquire a Japanese wife and have a baby son. This was the origin of Cheng Ch'eng-kung. Many years later, Cheng Chih-lung, the father, was an official in charge of the defense of the Yangtze where the Grand Canal crosses it at Chinkiang. The last reigning Ming Emperor was dead, the Manchus had taken Peking and had extinguished his family. Several collateral heirs were in refuge south of the river, where various generals, loyal to the Ming, were trying to get forces together to recover the north. It was most important to them that the river be held. But when a Manchu army, moving down the canal, approached Chinkiang, papa Cheng distinguished himself by abandoning his position with all his forces and leaving the Yangtze crossing, and thence Nanking, wide open to the alien conquerors. That was in 1645. Cheng Chih-

lung fled to his native Fukien, picking up one of the Ming heirs on the way; and, in 1646, proclaimed him Emperor at what seemed a safe distance from the Manchus, who were busy pushing other loyal generals and other Ming heirs. But the conquerors turned his way, and the next we hear of him he had gone over to the Manchus in the belief that they would give him high office in Peking. They took him to Peking all right, but there they lodged him in jail where they kept him until, in 1653, his son had become a formidable champion of a Ming restoration. Then they executed him.

Immediately after his father's defection and arrest, our Koxinga took to patriotic piracy in a big way. That was in 1647. By 1654 he was strong enough to challenge the Manchu tenure of the whole Fukien coast—opposite Formosa. The next year he made himself a nuisance all along the Chekiang coast. This was his range for several years. But, in 1659, when the Manchus had concentrated on chasing one of the last of the Ming heirs through Yunnan into Burma, Koxinga sailed up the Yangtze with a great fleet and threatened to take Nanking. The Governor offered to surrender, but sent north a call for help and contrived to dicker long enough over the surrender terms for a Manchu army to come to the rescue. Koxinga's own camp was taken by surprise and part of his fleet was burned. With what he had left the pirate-patriot withdrew down river and into the open sea.

Ming heirs were getting scarce, and loyal generals with any following were getting scarcer on the mainland; so Koxinga decided to establish himself on Formosa, rebuild his strength and await a more favorable opportunity for a comeback on the mainland. One thing wrong with this plan was that the Dutch were in the way. With the blessing of the Japanese, who enjoyed piratical right on Formosa during the decline of China's Ming Dynasty, but had shirked the task of assuming military control, the Dutch had settled at Tainan about 1626, and by 1634 had built themselves a stronghold there, Kasteel Zeelandia, which they thought gave them secure mastery of the island. Upon this Koxinga descended with his fleet in 1660. He landed 25,000 men, herded the Dutch into their "kasteel," and invested it for two years, during which 1,600 Dutch defenders were killed. There are diverse accounts of how the end came in 1662, but it does not matter much now whether Koxinga finally stormed and took the place or whether there was a negotiated surrender, under the terms of which the Dutch were permitted to sail away to Sunda. But the important point to the Formosans is that they did not return.

In that same year Koxinga died. His son declared himself King of Formosa and demanded that the Manchus, then firmly established, give him the same recognition that they did the King of Korea. They refused. Like his esteemed father, he then entered upon a long career

of piracy and in 1679 gave support to an abortive revolution in Fukien, got the worst of it and died on Formosa in 1680. A son succeeded him as the King of Taiwan, but not for long. The Manchus decided to put an end to the Cheng family; and, in 1683, a Chinese admiral in their employ first took the Pescares and then established Imperial Chinese rule on Formosa. That did not actually finish the hardy Cheng family, for they continued to be trouble makers for another thirty-eight years, now on Formosa, now on the mainland. But they did then fade out of history as spectacular rebels.

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Collectors outside Holland will still be able to purchase their requirements of Netherlands stamps via the philatelic agency at face value. It operates under the Netherlands Administration of Posts, Press and Publicity Department, 71a Zeestraat, The Hague, Netherlands.

It was claimed that the agency did not meet its expenses of operation. It was operated from surpluses earned in other departments of the post office. Continued operation for foreign collectors will be maintained as propaganda to gain the good will of persons outside the nation.

The foreign philatelic press, as well as a number of accredited clubs and persons will continue to receive the press notices of the new issues to be released.

## John M. Smith Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

John M. Smith, 62, who for more than 25 years was superintendent of the Postage Stamp Printing Division of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing died of a heart attack Wednesday, December 27 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he was on vacation.

Mr. Smith, who had retired in 1949, had been with the Bureau for 42 years. His first job was as a skilled helper. From that he merited succeeding advancements to foremanship of the examining division in 1923, and later to the position he held at the time of his retirement.

He had been associated with SPA, APS, the National Philatelic Society, the Washington Philatelic Society, the Collectors Club of Washington, the Collectors Club of New York and the American Philatelic Congress.

While he never had a private collection of stamps of his own, he nevertheless prepared a government stamp display, and one given by the Bureau to the late President Roosevelt.

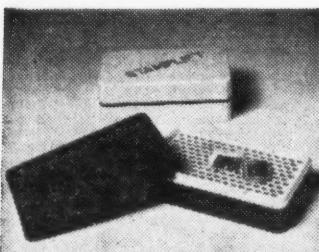
He is survived by his wife, Dora Platt Smith, 1417 Newton St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

## Birmingham Collectors Offer Sunday Stamp Show

Stamp collectors of Birmingham, Mich., a community about 15 miles north of Detroit, are going to show their collections in a one day show Sunday February 4. At least the members of the Birmingham Stamp Club are. The exhibition will be set up in the Birmingham Community House, 380 South Bates St.

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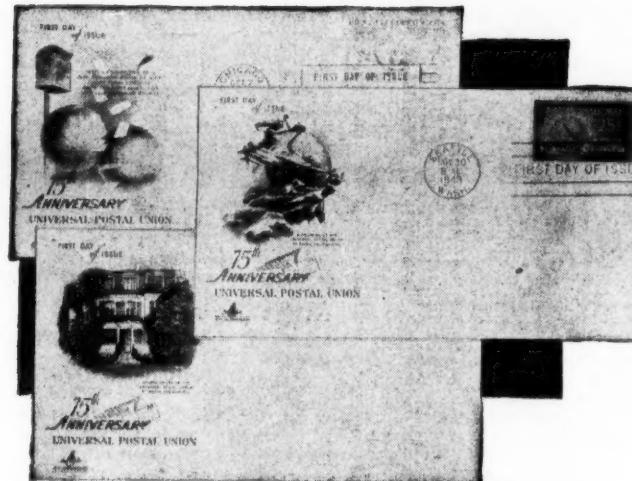
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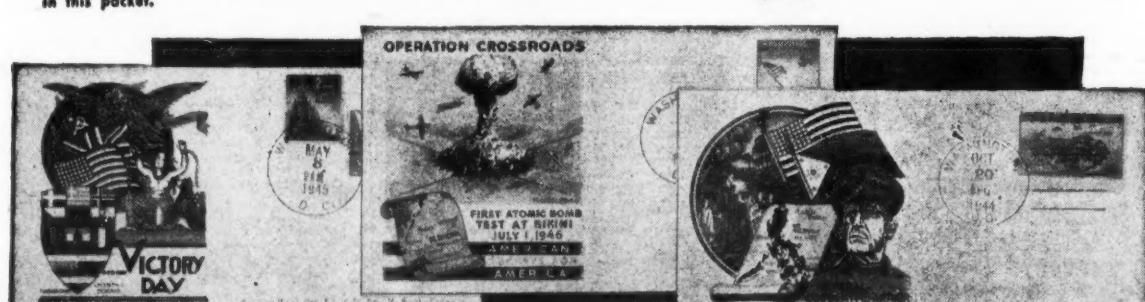
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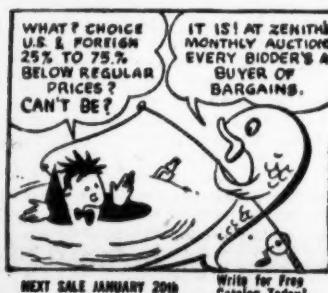
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BY CARL P. RUETH

One of our California customers apparently no more than saw the results of my Third Annual Design Derby than he "took his pen in hand" and barreled in an airmail, special delivery to the effect that "we wuz robb'd". He referred of course to the fact that the California Centennial of Statehood stamp just missed being the worst designed of the 1950 commems by just a few votes.

He must have been pretty "hot" when he wrote for he insinuated that the voting was stacked against the California stamp, and that anyone who didn't think it was the best looking item issued in quite a number of years was an artistic moron.

I am sure that the voters called them as they saw them—and at no time did I note any evidence that any individuals or group of individuals were trying to influence the voting. Even in the stamp club results the opinions did not fall into any patterns, that is for instance, that all the Indiana clubs voted for the Indiana stamp, regardless.

As an example of voting just about as divorced from local and national prejudices as possible, I offer you the results of the Circle "Emile Vloos", Borgerhout/Anvers, Belgium. Voting in this stamp club of male adults was conducted by Marcel Poisson-Massart of Antwerp. Fourteen members chose the Bankers stamp as best, Boy Scouts second, and the Executive and Legislative tied for third.

Now for the point I am trying to make. In reporting the votes, Mr. Poisson-Massart wrote, "...The 'Worst Design' seems to have been the only one to have obtained the unanimity." And what was this stamp selected worst, unanimously? Shucks kids, the answer's easy. The California, of course!

It is interesting too, that these folks across the Atlantic, more or less disinterested and out of touch with our national opinions and prejudices, balanced things out for themselves naming the Bankers as the Least Necessary!

Check the above voting against the results given in this paper last week. You'll see that quality or lack of it is recognized the world over.

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Those of you who have been readers here for any length of time will remember that the one I refer to is for "Johnny Appleseed" whose real name was John Chapman.

I understand that such a stamp was being considered by the Department, but whether it will be crowded out by others which have pressure behind them remains to be seen.

And while we are on the subject of new postage stamps, did you know that the life insurance agents of America feel they are entitled to one? Leon B. Sittenfeld of Kansas City, Mo. who does all right peddling insurance for a living sent a copy of the resolution on the matter mailed to the Post Office Department. It reads:

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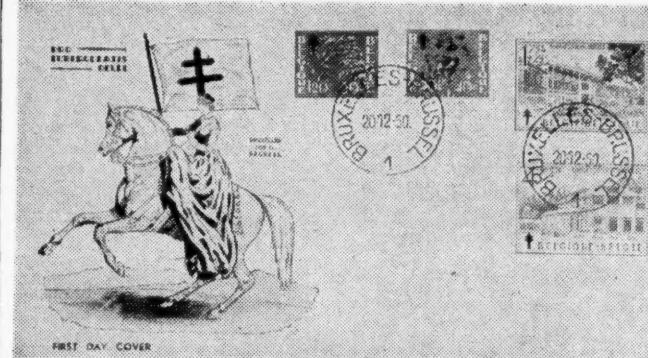
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BULGARIA—A recently issued sport set pictured runners on the 4 leva green, bicycle racers on the 91 brown, shot putter on the 201 blue and volleyball ball players on the 401 violet.

INDO-CHINA—Three states of this nation have been given the privilege of issuing stamps of their own. They are Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Nothing to date has been revealed when such stamps can be expected.

CHILE—The man who is regarded as a hero in most of South and Central America will be honored with a set of stamps on the centenary of his death. This is General San Martin who to date has been given philatelic recognition by several of the nations south of the border.

CHINA—A set of four stamps has now been completed to mark the 1st anniversary of the Republic. These stamps have originated on the communist held mainland with the design featuring a reproduction of the Republic's flag.

Denominations and colors are \$100 violet, red and yellow; \$400 brown, red and yellow; \$1000 olive, red and yellow and \$2000 blue, red and yellow.

For Manchuria a similar set had denominations of \$1000, \$2500, \$10,000 and \$20,000.

CHINA—When the National Postal Conference with representatives from various Chinese Provinces and Manchuria met in its first session November 1, 1950 a set of two stamps was issued for China proper and a two value set for Manchuria was released as well.

The design, which is common to the four stamps has a map of China in the background with various postal routes traced on it, various mail transporting vehicles and a corner mailbox.

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JOHNNY APPLESEED  
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was a friend.

In the grasses venomous reptiles and black rattlesnakes lurked in great numbers, but Johnny would shoulder his pack and with bare feet, penetrate to some remote spot of fertile soil and plant more seeds.

He had an uncanny and unfailing memory as to where he had planted his seeds. Year after year he would plod over the same ground, to check on his precious seedlings of other years. Sometimes there wasn't a trace left of his efforts; in others, the seeds had taken root and emerged from the soil. Some plantings had been partially destroyed by the elements or marauding wild animals.

But in general, Johnny continued to find nice returns for his efforts, and when the young trees were large enough to transplant, he would set them out over a larger territory, and when such extra ground was not immediately available, he would sell them, perhaps, to a nearby settler, or make him a present of one or a dozen trees, upon promise that they would be carefully tended.

Johnny's enthusiasm for the cultivation of apple trees in "the only proper way"—that is, from the seed—was the all absorbing object of his life. He denounced as absolute wickedness all devices of pruning and grafting, and believed that "only God can make a tree," as exemplified by Joyce Kilmer's poem a century later. He would denounce the act of cutting a tree as if it were a cruelty inflicted on a living being.

## HIS ENDLESS WANDERINGS

Johnny was perpetually wandering through forests and morasses, only to appear suddenly in white settlements or Indian villages. But there must have been some rare force of gentle goodness dwelling in his looks and breathing in his words, for notwithstanding his ridiculous attire, he was always treated with the greatest respect by the rudest frontiersmen.

The Indians also treated Johnny with kindness and respect. He was regarded by them as a "great white medicine man" on account of his strange appearance, eccentric actions, and especially for the fortitude with which he could endure pain, in proof of which he would often insert needles and pins in his flesh.

Even during the War of 1812, he continued his wanderings. Large bands of Indians and British were destroying everything before them, murdering defenseless women and children. At such times, Johnny sometimes traveled day and night to warn his friends of the approaching danger, often refused food and denying himself a moment's rest until the alarm was spread.

As far as is known, there is only one record of Jonathan Chapman having invested his surplus means in the purchase of land. He received a deed for a

parcel of land in Mohican Township, Ashland County, Ohio—but with his indifference to matters of value, Johnny failed to record the deed and conveyance, and later lost the property.

His diet was of the simplest, as meagre as his clothing. He believed it to be a sin to kill any creature for food, insisting that all that was required for human sustenance could be produced from the soil.</

